

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tatiana Rossin on 03/22/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 1, **replace** "A machine readable" **with** "A machine readable storage"

In claim 4, line 1, **replace** "A machine readable" **with** "A machine readable storage"

In claim 11, line 1, **replace** "A machine readable" **with** "A machine readable storage"

In claim 17, line 1, **replace** "A machine readable" **with** "A machine readable storage"

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In claim 32, line 2, **after** "comprising:" **add** "a memory;"

In claim 34, line 2, **after** "comprising:" **add** "a memory;"

In claim 38, line 2, **after** "comprising:" **add** "a memory;"

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest wherein the first identification data include first identifications that are unique to the data processing system and second identifications that are not unique to the data processing system, wherein the second identifications have lower priorities than the first identifications in the searching, wherein the configuration information associated with the first identifications is configured to overwrite at least a portion of the configuration information associated with the second identifications, wherein the first identifications include a hardware serial number, an Internet Protocol address, a hostname, a hardware address or any combination thereof, and the second identifications include a subnet mask, a generic identification associated with a plurality of data processing systems, or any combination thereof; as recited in independent claims 1, 4, 11, 17, 21, 24, 26, 30, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, and 44.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL YAARY whose telephone number is (571)270-1249. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on 571-272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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